Dear Parent/Carers

It's half way through the term already and it has been a really busy fortnight since the last newsletter. Our presentation at the Principal Association of Specialist Schools was well received. Thank you to Seth, Kylie, Rob and Nicole for their assistance in presenting.

Two groups have been on camp at Sovereign Hill and Rawson. Thank you to the staff for their willingness to give up their own time to be on duty 24 hours a day. It's a real commitment that I sincerely appreciate.

Thank you also to the parents who have volunteered to part of the focus groups to evaluate Beyond the School Gates

Our new School Council met for the first time since the AGM. We had a short meeting as there were some members away ill. Kon will let parents know in his part of the Newsletter when there are issues we need help with or need your opinion.

Twilight Forum

This Thursday 29th May all students will finish at 1pm as staff will be attending the Twilight Forum on Transition. Through the Partnerships in Learning funding we received last year we are joining with Southern Autistic, Yarrabah and Montague Schools to start our work on Transition. We have a range of guest speakers and also have some ex-students who will talk about their journey after leaving school. Our next steps will be to investigate how we can support each other to improve all students transition from school to post school life.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program

Last week we were accepted into the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. We have joined a group of schools who will be mentored by Waratah SDS. The program involves training, collaborative learning, collation of data and a school wide approach to behaviour support.

Holiday Program Beyond The School Gates

The Holiday program will run again in the term two holidays. We had great feedback from parents whose children attended the last program. Students participated in Cooking, Nutrition, Dance Drama and Circus Skills. Some parents have indicated that they would like the program to run longer than three days. Please let me know if you are interested in your son or daughter attending and how long you would like the program to run.

Dance Party

Beyond the School Gates are holding the very popular Combined Special Schools Dance Party again. It will be held on Friday 20th June and you can book on the web site www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au

Have a great week ahead

Regards

Paula Barnett
Life Education

In the last week of term Berendale will again be participating in the Life Education Program. The program based on healthy living is conducted by specialist educators who tailor every session to meet the needs and developmental level of our students. The sessions are great fun, visual and interactive. While these sessions are heavily subsidised by the Lions Club there will be a small cost to parents.

There will also be a parent information session held to which you will be invited. Feedback from parents who have attended previous sessions is that they are informative and an excellent way of being involved in your students learning.

Educational Placements

The Monash Paramedics (thirty-four in total) will complete their placements at Berendale in June, as will Julia Gibson (Education Support). The paramedics have worked across all sub schools while Julia has worked mainly with Sub School 1. We thank them all for their interest and support they have given Berendale students and staff and wish them well for the future.

Joshua Finley and Hannah Wilson (Cert. IV in Disability Studies) will continue at Berendale until Term 4. Carolyn Geer (Monash) and Eve Triandafllidis (ACU) will commence their placements in Term 3. Carolyn will work in counselling support and Eve in creative arts and performing. We look forward to them joining us soon.

Speech Pathology

Carisse Matthew (speech pathologist) still has a few vacancies for this year. Carisse visits Berendale every two weeks and conducts both individual and small group sessions. If you would like to know more about her program, and whether it would be suitable for your student, please contact Carisse on 0439 968 785. This is a fee for service arrangement which can be accessed through a Health Care Plan from your family doctor.

Parent Resources

An ongoing reminder that we still have copies of MOIRA’s 2014 publications; ‘Time for a Break’ which features respite, recreation and services, and ‘Compass’ which outlines services for people with disabilities. Please let us know if you would like copies.

RDA Vacancies

There will be several vacancies for the Rideability (Riding for the Disabled) Program in Term 3. Please let me know if you are interested in your student participating. There are fees attached to the program to cover the cost of registration, insurance and tuition. Also there is trial ride available to determine suitability at a cost of $10 per student. You will need to book, so again please give me a call on 9555 6141.

Dr Maree McCutcheon
Student Wellbeing & Family Support
Dear Berendale People,

The Rawson Village Camp facilities were great. I had the best pancakes. Thank you to Rawson Village for your support. I look forward to going again.

Yours Sincerely,

Kon Peltekis.
Berendale School Council President.

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**Uniform Orders**

School uniforms will be ordered from PSW once this term. I will send off the orders on May 30th.
ENVELOPE AND ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents & Students .... PHOTO DAY IS TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2014

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

Important Information

- Every student ordering photos must return an order envelope before photo day.
- Every student ordering photos must return their own order envelope – even if their payment is in their sibling’s envelope.
- Orders placed after photo day will be charged a late order fee.

Order Instructions

1. Select a photo package option - each option is explained on the flyer attached to the order envelope.
2. Complete your order envelope - use a black or blue ball point pen and fill in your order and contact details.
3. Complete payment - using one of the following options.

CASH

- Put exact money in order envelope.
- No change will be given.
- You can pay for all siblings in one order envelope - you must write on each order envelope the name and class of the sibling that has payment.

CHEQUE

- Write your name, address and telephone number on the back of the cheque.
- Dishonour fees will be charged if payment is declined.
- Make cheques payable to: ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
- Allow up to 60 days for payment to be completed.

CREDIT CARD

- Payment can only be made online.
  1. Go to website: www.advancedlife.com.au
  2. Click on online payments and re-orders, then click on proceed
  3. Enter the three (3) letter online payment code found on your order envelope (example: SCH), then click on OK
  4. Click NO, (9 digit code is not required for your school)
  5. Follow the payment instructions
  6. Write your receipt number on your order envelope under payment method – online payment.
- You can pay for all siblings in one transaction – you must total the amount of all order envelopes and write the receipt number on each order envelope.

From the team at AdvancedLife Photography.

Phone: 9852 1133 Email: info@advancedlifevic.com.au
We have been very lucky to attend classes of self defence at **ALLSTARS MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY** in Bentleigh East. This program was funded and supported by **BTSG**.

The classes have been in class time and also on Saturdays 12.00—1.00 pm and very successful. If interested please contact www.beyondtheschoolgates.org.au

**CORY**—It keeps you fit and healthy.

**JAMES**—I like all of it!

**PATRICK**—It’s a thing to do.

**SARAH**—It’s really good

**ILAI**—It’s fun.

**CHLOE**—It’s great fun!

**EVANDER**—You Learn self defence with your friends!

**GEORGE**—It’ fabulous!

**ETHAN**—It’s really good. I really like it.
Meals on wheels
9/10 Group A

On Monday 19th May the years 9/10 Group A we did our first volunteering service for Meals on Wheels at the city of Kingston. There were 8 clients that we delivered a lunch meal to. It took us 2hrs as we travelled to Westall, Clayton and Cheltenham. It felt good to help people and we are doing it again in 2 weeks.
Written by Luis Yr 10
Berendale is a very busy school. We often have to act at the last moment when we are offered opportunities to support our students’ learning programs and keeping our school community informed and up to date is a difficult task. This newsletter is one of the ways in which we try to do this, but the Konnective app is another way that we can help to keep information flowing.

Konnective are working closely with the department and the app in its current form is just the beginning – they are hoping that it will become a way for parents to give permission and consent for excursions and other new features in the future.

Many of you have already downloaded the app and have subscribed, we have also started to send messages and photos using the system.

We would like to encourage you to:

- Download the app from either the App Store or the Google Play store on to your device.
- Create an account on the Konnective app.
- Search for Berendale feeds on the Konnective app.
- You will automatically be able to receive the General Updates and you can also request to belong to feeds that are more specific to your student or connection with the school.

If anyone would like help, please feel free to give me a call or come to the office and I can help you to get up and running with Konnective.

Seth Willingham, Assistant Principal
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

You are invited to

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Date: 17th of June 2014

Time: 10:45 – 11:15

Venue: Berendale School Hall

Gold Coin donation

Created By Ruby
Sub School 3

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

RSVP by Tuesday 10th June 2014

Name…………………………………………………………………………

I will not/attending

Dietary requirements…………………………………………………………